

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed U.S. Application.


Claims 1-11 are pending in the present application. The claims have been amended to remove the improper multiple dependencies.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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